



PROPOSAL EVALUATION

IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 2, FY 2011-2012

Applicant	City of Turlock	County	Stanislaus & Merced
Project Title	East Stanislaus IRWM Prop 84 Planning Grant Application	Grant Request	\$ 747,954
		Total Project Cost	\$ 1,018,319

Project Description The objective of this grant application is to prepare the first East Stanislaus IRWM Plan. The goal is to create a comprehensive, detailed IRWMP that meets current Plan Standards, fully addresses the Region's needs and objectives, and provides appropriate solutions to regional water conflicts. In general to achieve this goal and objective, data gaps must be filled and data must be evaluated on a regional basis in order to help direct both local and regional solutions.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	9
DAC Involvement	6
Schedule	4
Budget	8
Program Preferences	5
Tie Breaker	0
Total Score	32

- **Work Plan** The criterion is less than fully addressed and documentation or rationales are incomplete or insufficient for the following reasons: (1) Using Tables 1-1 and 2-1, tasks can be lined up with most plan standards except Objectives, Impact and Benefit, and Finance. These sections have not yet been completed, nor do Work Plan tasks address them. For example, the description of how the Objectives plan standard will be met is confusing in that Table 1-1 states "The Region has recently completed identification and prioritization of regional goals and objectives; however, the prioritization of these goals and objectives remains to be completed," yet Table 2-1 does not address Objectives in any of the standards that will be met through the task work. Climate Change is noted as a standard that will be achieved through Task 6, but Task 6 does not address either the adaptation to the effects of climate change or mitigation of GHG emissions. (2) Subtask 1.1-1.3 cites that the preliminary governance work has been completed, but the status of this work and how it will be incorporated in the Plan is not provided in the application.
- **DAC Involvement** The criterion is less than fully addressed and documentation or rationales are incomplete or insufficient. Task 2 (DAC and Native American Outreach and Technical Assistance), is lacking information as to how task activities would facilitate sustained DAC participation in the process by (a) conducting up to five interviews of identified DACs or tribal communities and preparing a needs assessment memorandum, or (b) providing technical assistance to identify water quality issues, or identify projects to be included in the IRWMP. The Work Plan does not discuss how DACs are represented in the Governance section, or if DACs were part of the project selection process that took place between October 2011 and January 2012.
- **Schedule** The criterion is fully addressed but is not supported by thorough documentation or sufficient rationale. It's not clear that the Schedule is completely consistent or supported by the Work Plan; some of the workshops and meetings in Task 1.7 are not reflected in the Schedule. Some of the end dates are unclear: Task 4: Planning Grant Administration continues until January 2014, but the IWRM Plan is



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anticipated to be adopted in April 2013, per subtask 1.6. Also, Task 4.3 is missing 3 quarterly reports of the 7 total called out in the Work Plan. The Schedule for Tasks 5, 6, and 7, seems aggressive for the amount of work cited in the Work Plan.

- **Budget** The criterion is less than fully addressed and documentation or rationales are incomplete or insufficient. The sub-consultant labor in Task 1 and the ODC estimates in all tasks are presented as lump sums without supporting documentation or justification. In addition, 10% is added to sub-consultant labor and ODCs in all of the tasks without any explanation. Table 4.9 uses the names of the people doing the work as opposed to titles or a description of their contribution, making it difficult for the reviewers to evaluate basis of the estimate.
- **Program Preference** The Proposal provides a description of how 10 of 15 IRWM Program Preferences and Statewide Priorities will be addressed through the IRWM plan.
- **Tie Breaker** Not Applicable.